

SNC Strategic Opportunity Grant – 2
August 2008 Submission

Sierra Nevada Classroom Project-2

PROJECT SUMMARY PAGE
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Project Goal

The Sierra Nevada Classroom Project fosters stewardship of public and private lands through personal experience in nature, appreciation of local biodiversity, and greater understanding of regional issues and the functioning of natural systems within the Sierra.(two institutes, 60 teachers, 3000 students.)

Project Scope

We anticipate SNC-funded work to include: program planning; creation and publication of three booklets (curricular units on watershed, stewardship, communication skills); design and programming for a Sierra Nevada software title (partial funding);implementation of two six-day institutes; evaluation of the program.

The SNCP is part of CIB's EurekaSeries of regional programs, originally funded by the Coastal Conservancy. Our pilot Sierra program was funded last year by SNC; this proposal is Year Two in that long-term plan. Formal partners include State Parks and the California Academy of Sciences. 2008 course offered 3 units of graduate academic credit.

Desired outcomes: teachers use curricula; bring students to investigate natural areas, especially Sierra Nevada; altered attitudes and positive action for environment
 Other sources of funds are listed in Appendix One in detail (cash donations; private foundations; contributed salaries from CIB and CAS.)

Letters of Support

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